State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session 2005

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2047

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF AGRICULTURE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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Whereas, the State of Arizona, its local governments and its people recognize that agriculture is a vital and major contributor to this state's economy through production and jobs; and

Whereas, a study from the University of Arizona estimates that the direct, induced and ripple effects of Arizona's agriculture provide an overall impact of \$6.6 billion; and

Whereas, more than 72,000 jobs are created by Arizona's agriculture industry; and

Whereas, economic activity from agriculture is crucial for local schools, public services and the tax base in rural districts and small towns; and

Whereas, agriculture plays a major role in the use and management of land and natural resources; and

Whereas, farmers and ranchers receive only nineteen cents out of every dollar spent on food; and

Whereas, Americans spend just ten per cent of their disposable income for food, less than any other nation; and

Whereas, our food supply is a matter of national security and the state should protect and ensure the continued vitality of the agriculture industry for the protection of public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona recognizes the significant and positive impact of agriculture to the economy. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

- 1. That the Members of the Legislature recognize the importance of Arizona's agriculture industry to the livelihood of this state.
- 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this resolution to the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 8, 2005.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 12, 2005.

FILED IN THE FFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 13, 2005.

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by the following vote:59 Ay	yes by the following vote: 30 Ayes
Speaker of the House Speaker of the House Chief Clerk of the House	Nays, Not Voting Not Voting
	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
	This resolution was received by the Secretary of State
H.C.R. 2047	this 13 day of April, 2005
	at //:55 o'clock M. Secretary of State